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LAND MONEY CANNOT BUY.

Trinity Corporation and Its Property on Broadway.

From the Church Investor.

The Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix, rector of Trinity parish, said to a reporter for "The Church Economist" recently that many of the offers had been made to the Trinity corporation to purchase the old St. Paul's churchyard on Broadway, between Fulton and Vesey streets, for business purposes. Several years ago the stock exchange tried to buy it, and more recently a great railroad corporation made advances for the property. "But it will not be sold," said Dr. Dix, "at least not while the persons now in control of Trinity's affairs are alive. No valuation in dollars and cents has ever been placed on this property. It is prized for its religious and sentimental value and love."

This remark of the distinguished rector of Trinity is significant in the suggestion advanced at a recent assembling of clergymen in this city that "if Trinity would dispose of some of its valuable unproductive property, it would be enabled to enlarge its head of usefulness," especially in the matter of helping other churches. More than thirty Episcopal churches in this city have been financially aided from Trinity corporation, and it has come to be regarded as quite the custom to turn to Trinity for help. Trinity's income is believed to be \$500,000 a year, and a large proportion of that amount goes in grants to other churches, and to educational institutions.

It is always been the custom of Trinity to extend a helping hand to struggling churches by carrying a mortgage on the property without interest. For illustration, Trinity Episcopal church in the city of New York built a church worth \$50,000. The members are able to pay perhaps two-thirds of that amount down. Trinity comes to their relief by advancing the balance, and taking a mortgage, on which, however, the rich corporation never exacts interest. The loan is recorded only in order to protect Trinity's equity in the property in case its use for church purposes ceases. The fact that there are so many poor churches in need of money is probably responsible for the renewal of the suggestion that Trinity might greatly increase its revenues by putting the historic and valuable block of property to some commercial use. The city assessors in placing a pro forma valuation upon that particular piece of property made an estimate of \$1,000,000. It would probably be much more than that at an open sale. Trinity Church and churchyard, opposite the city hall, is valued by the city officials at \$1,000,000. That makes nearly \$6,000,000 of unproductive property in the financial center of the metropolis.

MEDICAL GEOGRAPHY.

Areas of Disease Which Can Be Clearly Indicated on the Map.

From the Saturday Review.

It is common knowledge that diseases have as a rule their local habitations. Some, like tropical diseases and plants, live only in the tropics; some, like consumption, are gradually spreading over the whole earth; others, like leprosy and smallpox, are gradually becoming limited in their distribution, and may actually be tending toward extinction. The diseases which are regarded as the most common and the most dangerous to human life are those which have never reached, or on the summits of high mountain ranges and in the circumpolar snowfields the earth and air and water are as barren of the microbes of disease as they are of animal life. Without question, if Nansen and his companions had been exposed to the same hardships and the same unsanitary conditions in these islands, the lowered vitality of their bodies certainly would have been unable to resist the continual bombardment of germs to which we all are subjected. In a country like Britain, thickly populated for many centuries, the free circulation of population, it cannot be doubted that every yard of surface contains the germs of the more common diseases, and the diseases which are regarded as the most common and the most dangerous to human life are those which have never reached, or on the summits of high mountain ranges and in the circumpolar snowfields the earth and air and water are as barren of the microbes of disease as they are of animal life. Without question, if Nansen and his companions had been exposed to the same hardships and the same unsanitary conditions in these islands, the lowered vitality of their bodies certainly would have been unable to resist the continual bombardment of germs to which we all are subjected.

A strikingly interesting result becomes plain when the incidence of fatal cases is plotted out on a map. The usual method is to color the districts with different shades, according to their rates of mortality. Blue is chosen for high mortalities, red for low mortalities, the deepest blue showing the highest and the deepest red the lowest rates. When two maps colored in this way for cancer and consumption are compared, it is at once evident that the incidence of the diseases is not capricious; the shades

do not form a meaningless patchwork, but show at the first glance a strikingly regular distribution. The one map forms almost exactly a complement of the other. The deep blue of cancer high mortalities coincides with the deep red of consumption low mortality. Where the consumption is highest, that is, where the cancer is lowest, and on the whole, there is a similar inverse correspondence between intermediate rates of mortality.

When the mortality maps are compared with a good physical map, it may be seen that the structural features of the country are in direct relation to the death rates. The deep blue of cancer high mortalities coincides with the deep red of consumption low mortality. Where the consumption is highest, that is, where the cancer is lowest, and on the whole, there is a similar inverse correspondence between intermediate rates of mortality.

Although the contrast between consumption and cancer is too striking to be purely a coincidence, it cannot be said that the prevalence of the one disease is due to the other living host, isolation of infected cases, carried out thoroughly, will ultimately rid us of its existence.

Passengers and Their Rights.

To the Editor of The Evening Star:

I would really like to know if the passengers of the Metropolitan railroad line have any rights which that road feels bound to respect. If they have, I am free to say I haven't discovered them. At 1 o'clock this afternoon I took the car at G street, paid my fare, and in due time received a transfer for the herdic. At the corner of H and 14th two passengers stood, signaling the car. The car went on without stopping until it reached 15th street. At the junction it did not stop, and though the conductor rang the bell, the motorman kept on his way until he reached 16th street. There the car stopped and three warm and wrathful women tolled back to the junction. The herdic passengers had alighted at Georgetown, and the car went by, barely slackened speed, and then went on without a single herdic passenger.

Tuesday evening a large party of people bound for the Biscuit concert were carried to Ninth street instead of the car stopped at 10th.

The 10th street contingent have congratulated themselves upon the new arrangement, but unless we receive better treatment in future I think we will agree that the 14th street line, while not so convenient, is vastly more courteous.

LICENSES TO MARRY

Obstacles in the Way of Love-Sick Swains.

THIS CITY IS QUITE A GREYNA GREEN

Curious Dramas That Are Enacted in the Clerk's Office.

THE TIME-WORN JOKE

Clerk Meligs of the District Supreme Court office has been engaged in the amiable business of licensing folks to marry for one year longer than the period usually accounted a generation. His record, clerkly handwriting began to appear on marriage licenses in the summer of 1883, and he has been sending forth radiant youths and maidens from his office into a smiling future ever since. The flushed young folks who seem the farthest from the thought of matrimony, passed beneath the lintel of his office door, tightly clutching their solemn, quaint documents of old English legal verbiage to hold them safe, and peering wistfully into the future, are now, those of them who still tread the world, elderly, time-mellowed and women, whose pleasures and sorrows consist more largely in retrospection than in anticipation.

"During the past few years," says Clerk Meligs, "I have issued hundreds of licenses to marry to the sons and daughters of the young people who came to me on the same mission as far back as when the result of the war was still in doubt, and it certainly makes me feel as if I were getting along in years a bit when these strapping young fellows, many of them looking just like their fathers, with profuse sympathy for shiny and base ball, and these pretty young women, duplicates of their just-as-pretty mothers, come to me for their license to get married. It surely makes me feel like I'm quite so young as I used to be."

The average number of marriage licenses issued a year when Clerk Meligs began filling out the blanks, thirty-four years ago, was about 1,300. For the past half decade the average number has been something more than 3,000.

A Time-Worn JOKE.

"Old photographs have often told me," said Clerk Meligs to a Star reporter the other day, "that at length, after the lapse of a sufficient number of years, they find they can no longer extract amusement from the prodigiously funny remarks their sitters invariably fell called upon to make in filling out the blanks. I don't know what you think of it, but I don't think I have a tooth pulled that has my picture taken, for instance, well, these photographs of friends of mine have proved to be a most amusing times a day for the past thirty-four years I have been compelled to assume a ghastly grimace while looking on at these young men have come to me for their marriage licenses with the remark, 'I want to get hung.' That's the inevitable thing that comes to the mind of the young fellows who exude the remark fairly beam with their own originality, and some of them look quite as if they were going to get hung and plunge into hysterical merriment over the joke; for how can they know that this joke was superannuated and decreed long years ago by the effluence of the sun?"

"Old experiences here. Oh, yes, thousands of them. This office is a panorama of tragedy, and pathos. Washington has always been a good deal of a Greyhound, and I have had a number of times to go to observe the complications into which eloping young people plunge themselves. We get most of our elopements from Virginia, where the law is so strict that they come here for licenses, and have to wait to get themselves married. Times without number I have been in the very act of filling out marriage licenses for young folks who have eloped from their surrounding country when one or both of the girl's parents, generally the father, turns up and insists on the solemnity of sanguinary hostility. In nine cases out of ten of this sort, however, the old gentleman has been unable to prevent the marriage, and the young man and woman are old enough to get married, and there is on their sworn statements no other obstacle in the way of their marriage. 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